

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND COUNCIL MEETING
April 1 2008

- I. City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Silent prayer was observed.
- III. Mayor Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Foster, Alderman Gillespie, Garbutt, , Ehmann, Morgan and Watson
- V. Citizen Participation
Charlotte Lawrence stated her opinion of the shredder grant being denied because of the danger and liability, why then, is the City going to borrow heavy equipment and use volunteers to operate them to build roads? We have liability insurance to cover any injuries.
Wayne Jewell responded to those remarks by stating the contractor will use qualified operators on the heavy equipment. The contractor also has insurance and there will be no liability to the City.
- VI. Old Business: Discussion:

Item A: Discuss Ordinance 1995-03 Zoning Ordinance

- 1. Requirements for single family lots as to storage building, garages, sheds, etc.
- 2. Duplexes
- 3. Short Term Rentals
- 4. Mobile Homes
- 5. Boats-live aboard
- 6. Garage apartments

Mayor Foster stated she has researched other City zoning ordinances. Items have been discussed but nothing has been done. She asked Council to research other cities ordinances and try to come up with a draft ordinance we could use that would encompass all the items into one ordinance. Set backs also need to be reviewed. Discussion occurred concerning mobile homes, boat live aboard, garage apartments, duplexes and the problem of short term rentals again. Letters seemed to work at first on the short term rentals however they seem to be starting up again and may be a problem.

Item B: Discussion of hiring part time water employee for TCEQ compliance and for other city needs, i.e. installing stop signs, other signs, mowing, etc.

Alderman Garbutt stated he talked to two possible candidates who are willing to be trained and work part time. Mayor Foster stated she and the Treasurer have been working on the money issue. She understood from the Water Department Supervisor that as long as he was comfortable with the person hired he had no problem. The city is required to have two employees with a C Class certification. The city currently has three, including the wastewater technician. She went over the requirements for a new worker. A proposal based on a person to work four hours for three weekdays and one hour on Saturday and Sunday. The Treasurer went over the cost estimates and comparisons.

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Alderman Ehmann asked if the sewer funds could be used for general purposes and what other jobs will be required of the employee. She understood the water department does not have a problem with the seven day water sample testing and are not asking for more money except the mileage. If a particular task or job needs to be done the city could hire someone for that particular job and have it done. With the sewer loan paid off the city customers should have that relief from the bill and not pay for a new employee.

Mayor Foster stated the city would get more jobs done and the water tested done for a cost of little more than what the water department receives in mileage.

Discussion continued concerning the qualifications of a new employee and if the city needed a back up for the wastewater system. A list of volunteers could be put together to help with the odd jobs that need to be done. The Water Department Supervisor needs to be able to trust whoever does the testing and should have some input on the hiring of anyone. A possible salary increase or re-imbusement for the water department was brought up. All agreed the Water Department is a great asset of the city.

Item C: Update on scanner and file retention

The Treasurer stated the scanner and computer were approved at the November 20th meeting. Since then a computer and monitor has been donated to the city. A scanner and software are what is needed. Wayne Jewell and Phillip McMulin were thanked for the donations of the computer and monitor. It was agreed Tom Merrick could purchase the scanner and be reimbursed for the cost. City Hall would be available to him after hours.

VII. New Business: Discussion:

Item A: Discuss Possible Dangerous Building Ordinance

Mayor Foster went over the possible draft submitted. She asked Council to review the draft and submit any input.

Item B: Discuss reimbursement of Sewer tap payment for Chris Carleton, 1100 Sandpiper Building Inspector Jimmy Durham explained the circumstances concerning the tap. The tap installed in 2002 could not be found, all options of finding the tap were exhausted. The citizen needed to install another tap at considerable cost. A certified contractor, approved by the City contractor, did the work. Discussion of bills submitted for costs to look for the tap and the payment made in 2002 was held. Mayor Foster stated no action can be taken at this meeting, however this will be on the next agenda for action.

Item C: Discuss sink holes on property wherein septic tanks not filled in properly

Mayor Foster asked how many sink holes have been reported. Jimmy Durham explained two incidents have occurred and explained how the sink holes happen and how they can be repaired. Alderman Garbutt stated he would follow up with Jimmy Durham at the problem on Bayshore.

VIII. Reports from Council concerning Long Term Goals and Expired Permitting information

1. Water line replacement

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3. erosion
4. drainage

Alderman Gillespie stated it is his understanding that TCEQ did not flag any lines to be replaced at this time, the current lines we have are legal. However, the city needs to plan for the future to replace water lines, but not immediately.

Mayor Foster stated the water lines need to be replaced eventually, we do not know how long those lines will last. We need to find funds or grants, the City is not collecting enough money to replace them.

Alderman Gillespie stated he is waiting for the County to confirm the cost of road repair. Discussion of road repair costs and the damaged road at Sandpiper and Huisache.

Alderman Garbutt stated the erosion projects are working as expected, work will continue. Alderman Gillespie stated the Act for the Port's project for the break water has been approved. The first phase of funding should be available sometime in 2009.

Alderman Garbutt stated drainage work on Woodhaven has been completed and they hope to continue on to Bayshore soon. The Drainage District's engineer has approved all work to be done. Also sink holes have been repaired.

Report from Mayor concerning plans for Port Property adjacent to city

Mayor Foster gave a brief explanation of what she has requested from the port concerning the property adjacent to the city. She went on to state her understanding that the property will possibly be developed into a residential area with a shopping area. However, the Port is still planning a multi-use facility. They still have plans for light industry utilizing the water and docking. She also discussed her request for the Port to clear the area near city streets. Further input for other areas the Port owns was received.

IX. Close Workshop

Mayor Foster closed the workshop at 8:12 p.m.

X. Open City Council Meeting

Mayor Foster opened the Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Discussion and Possible Action concerning Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-02 Providing for a rate schedule

Mayor Foster reviewed the amendment.

Alderman Ehmann made the motion to accept the Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-02 Providing for a rate schedule. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discussion and Possible Action concerning waste-water increase due to Ingleside's increase to IOB
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The Treasurer submitted proposed sewer rate schedules and reviewed the numbers with Council. Discussion occurred concerning when the rate would go into effect; these rates will be effective with the bills received in April. Discussion of each council member's preference between the two proposals received. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to accept plan 2, which states the base rate of \$25.58 with \$4.03 as the rate for excess usage. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed with three votes for and Alderman Morgan and Alderman Watson voting against the motion.

1. Approve/Disapprove Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2004-01 establishing a rate for sanitary service

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2004-01 establishing a rate for sanitary service as agreed to in the previous motion. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed with three votes for the motion with Alderman Morgan and Alderman Watson voting against the motion.

Item C: Sign Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Foster read and signed the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation.

XI. Mayor Foster adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor